



King County Mental Health Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division 2002 Briefing Paper

KING COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH STATISTICS

BACKGROUND:

Since 1996, MHCADSD has published a quarterly report that includes basic descriptions of system performance, including number of persons served, demographic information about persons served, types of services provided, revenues and expenditures, and outpatient client outcomes. This report is broadly distributed and is also available on the MHCADSD web site: www.metrokc.gov/dchs/mhd/reportcard.

ISSUES/CHALLENGES:

1. As the system changes, the report contents or operational definitions must change to reflect the changes. Substantial changes impair the ability to monitor trends over time.
2. As system funding decreases, the need for providers to report data increases proportionately. Because data are essential for system planning and accountability, we will continue to require data reporting, but we will also continue to look for ways to minimize the reporting burden.

DATA:

In 2001, 31,946 persons were served in all publicly funded mental health services (outpatient, residential, crisis, and inpatient). Of these, 9,645 were children, 18,340 were adults, and 3,961 were older adults. 23,181 persons received Title XIX Medicaid benefits, and 8,765 were not on federal Medicaid. 24,674 persons were served in outpatient services. Total revenues were \$86,053,332; total expenditures were \$87,461,922. Outpatient outcomes that improved compared to 2000 were psychiatric symptoms, level of functioning, involvement in age appropriate activity, number and length of stay for psychiatric hospitalizations, and time to first outpatient visit following a hospitalization.

RECOMMENDATION/LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

MHCADSD will continue to publish a quarterly report that describes persons served and system functioning.